(*b*) the number of Sanskrit books published till now (19-11-1104);

(*c*) the number of books published by the Curator which had already been published by other persons;

(*d*) the number of books the authors of which are *Keraleeyas*; and

(*e*) the approximate time required for the completion of the publication of the manuscripts already collected?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 1,947

(*b*) 95.

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) 13.

(*e*) With the existing scale of staff and at the present rate of publication, it must take a long time to complete the publication of the manuscripts already collected.

Sanskrit Manuscripts obtained on loan for publication.

212. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the manuscripts obtained from private persons and copied in the office of the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts have been returned in due time; and

(*b*) whether they have received any complaint from such persons that the manuscripts have not been returned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Curator reports that the manuscripts are usually returned to the owners only after their use is over, but that, if the owners require them even when they are in use, then also the manuscripts are returned.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether Government have received any complaint in regard to Malayalam manuscripts?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question has been answered.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): That is with reference to Sanskrit manuscripts. I want to know whether the Government have received any complaint with regard to *Malayalam* manuscripts.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

Selection of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts for publication.

213. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the manuscripts for publication are selected by the Curators alone or with the approval of any other person or board?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The books published by the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts are selected with the approval of the Advisory Board appointed by the

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Government; but those published by the Curator for the publication of Malayalam Manuscripts are selected by the Curator alone.

Loan of unpublished manuscripts to private persons.

214. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they generally lend unpublished manuscripts collected by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts to private persons for publication; and

(*b*) whether they have any objection to do so?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Generally, rare and unpublished manuscripts are not lent to private individuals for publication.

(*b*) The matter will be considered.

Prescription of books published by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts as Text-books.

215. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many of the books published by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts have been prescribed as text-books in the schools of the State; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that many of the books published by the Curator of Travancore are prescribed as text-books by the Madras and the Cochin Governments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six books were prescribed as text-books in schools during the last six school years.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Catalogue of Manuscripts collected by the Curators.

216. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have published a descriptive catalogue of the manuscripts collected by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts till now (19-11-1104)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A catalogue of the Sanskrit manuscripts collected by the Curator till the end of 1097 has been published. Manuscripts collected after that date will be included in the catalogue when it is reprinted.

In regard to the Malayalam manuscripts, no catalogue has been published as yet. The Curator reports that he intends to publish soon a catalogue of the manuscripts collected till now.

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